

Stafford Court House Virginia
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Dear Wife

I seat myself
on a stump this morning to pen you a few
lines to let you know where we ^{are} we was order
to march last Monday we started about noon
and have been marching ever since till last
night it rained all of the time and the mud
was about one foot deep we had to wade in
through in mud and water through the day
then lay down wherever night overtook us so
when we got here last night we were the
worst looking set of men I ever saw or any
body else we are going to stop here awhile
but do not know how long but hope we shall
not move again very soon I stood the march
much better than I expected to my feet and
legs swelled very bad I bought me a new
pair of boots a few days before we started
my feet swelled up so I could not get
my boots off for five days I do not know
what I shall do with them but shall try

and do the best I can with them the Capt has
gone to Washington he was lame and could not
march with us so he got out of this march I
got your letter with Leymans in it the night
before we started and was very glad to hear
from him and am in hopes when this reaches
you he will be at home I expect he will be
lousy so you must strip his close off and
bury them so as not have them amongst the
children and take his money if he gets
home with any and give him what you think
is necessary for him to have have him make
out his visits as soon as he can and get
him to school as soon as you can if there is
no town school send him to the academy
and tell him from his loving father to be
a good boy and try and learn as fast as
he can and obey his Teachers so as to be respected
tell him to write me as soon as he can and I
will write him he gave me his watch last
summer just before we went into cedar mountain
fight to send home but did not have a chance
to send it so I left it to Mr Garretts last
summer when I was there I have sent by

Left Emerson to get it so if he wants it I
will send it to him but should like to keep
it till I come home I have sent you some
money by express which I expect you have
got before this time if not write as soon as you
get it so I shall know you have got it I want
you to get along as well as you can till the
next payment comes then I shall have about
four hundred dollars coming for you to help
your self with I sent you \$75 then I borrowed
some money of Silas Estes to by my fit out
with which I shall have to pay next payment
I have bought every thing I need but coat and
pants them I cannot get here my rig that I
got cost me forty dollars and what my coat
and pants will cost I do not know but expect
it will come high but shall get along as
prudent as I can my sickness last fall
cost me something which I had to pay this
time but keep up good courage and I hope it
will all come out right by and by give my
love to all of the children tell them father wants
to see them very much and the time will soon
pass away now if I live I shall be at home

with you with soldiering enough to last
me the rest of my life time if I live to
be one hundred years old but I must close
give my respects to all inquiring friends tell
Arabine I ^{have} not heard from ^{her} for some time but
hope to soon tell allance how do for me so
good by for the present yours in haste from
your affectionat and loving husband write
soon direct your letters the same as
you did before

Mrs Mary A Wright

Horace Wright

I I you need not tell any one what
there is coming to me next pay day
without you are a mind to

H W

send me a lot of postage stamps for we
cannot get them here for love nor money

H W